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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.  
W. A. DREW EDMONDSON, in his  
capacity as ATTORNEY GENERAL  
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA and  
OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF THE  
ENVIRONMENT C. MILES TOLBERT  
in his capacity as the TRUSTEE  
FOR NATURAL RESOURCES FOR  
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

Plaintiffs

vs.

05-CV-0329 GKF SAJ

TYSON FOODS, INC., TYSON  
POULTRY, INC., TYSON CHICKEN,  
INC., COBB-VANTRESS, INC.,  
AVIAGEN, INC., CAL-MAINE FOODS,  
INC., CAL-MAINE FARMS, INC.,  
CARGILL, INC., CARGILL TURKEY  
PRODUCTION, LLC, GEORGE'S, INC.,  
GEORGE'S FARMS, INC., PETERSON  
FARMS, INC., SIMMONS FOODS, INC.,  
and WILLOW BROOK FOODS, INC.,

Defendants

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF DANIEL STORM  
Taken on Behalf of the Defendants  
On September 23, 2008, beginning at 9:16 a.m.  
In Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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1 and the local conditions.

2 Q How does GLEAMS take that into account?

3 A It uses -- it takes into account the  
4 different soil properties. So it takes into  
5 account -- you know, some soils will have very high  
6 infiltration rates, other soils, not as much.

7 Q And does GLEAMS, also, as Dr. Engel has  
8 used it, take into account precipitation events?

9 A Yes. Yes. So you input, you know,  
10 rainfall sequences between there.

11 Q So is it your testimony that GLEAMS  
12 doesn't just look at edge of field, it actually  
13 performs an analysis of what happens inside the  
14 fence?

15 A I guess I don't understand.

16 Q Well, my understanding -- and tell me if  
17 I'm wrong -- but my understanding is that  
18 Dr. Engel's approach through GLEAMS is that he looks  
19 purely at the edge of field activities as opposed to  
20 an analysis of what's going on inside the fence.

21 A I'm not sure what you refer to as "inside  
22 the fence."

23 Q Inside a pasture.

24 A So the GLEAMS itself is a field scale  
25 model, and it looks at a field at a time, right? So

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1 A Discretization?

2 Q Yeah. Spell it for me, too.

3 A D-i-s-c-r-e-t-i-z-a-t-i-o-n.

4 Q Okay. What does it mean?

5 A Breaking it up into pieces.

6 Q Will you agree that the whole purpose of  
7 watershed modeling activities is to try to  
8 reflect -- or try to -- yeah, reflect what's going  
9 on in the real world?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q And will you also agree with me that  
12 there's no model that's accurate?

13 A I don't -- I believe that would be  
14 incorrect.

15 Q Well, how do you measure the question of  
16 accuracy on the model?

17 A That's right. It's not an issue of  
18 whether one particular model is accurate or  
19 inaccurate. It's just a matter of degree.

20 Q Right.

21 A So it's a matter of accuracy. There's a  
22 number of different graphical and statistical  
23 methods used to evaluate the accuracy or how well a  
24 model actually performs, so one would be to visually  
25 compare model predictions to observe data in a

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1 graphical sense. One would be to calculate  
2 statistical parameters that would characterize how  
3 well a model predicts compared to observed data.

4 Q And the comparison of the model output to  
5 observed data is a necessary prerequisite in order  
6 to determine accuracy of the model; isn't that true?

7 A Yes, that would be correct.

8 Q And it is also true that it would not be  
9 scientifically acceptable to validate through  
10 calibration?

11 A Please explain your question or rephrase.  
12 I don't believe what you're saying is --

13 Q Well, when you compare model output to  
14 observed data, is that called validation?

15 A All right. There's two processes that you  
16 go through when you're developing a model. The  
17 first would be calibration, the second would be  
18 validation.

19 Q Okay.

20 A So calibration is you use some observed  
21 data to modify model parameters to match the model  
22 predictions with the observed data, and once those  
23 particular parameters are set, they stay fixed, and  
24 you use an independent data set that was not used in  
25 the calibration process, and you run the model on

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1 A Yes. Or for phosphorus.

2 Q For phosphorus.

3 Is the calibration of an in-stream, or  
4 routing model -- you use that term here as well. Is  
5 the calibration of the in-stream or routing model  
6 used in a watershed level modeling exercise an  
7 important step in the process?

8 A It comes back to what we were talking  
9 earlier. It depends on whether you're looking at  
10 total phosphorus and it depends on whether you need  
11 to proportion out the particulate and dissolve  
12 phases of the phosphorus. And then it also depends  
13 on whether the temporal distribution of that loading  
14 is important.

15 So if you're just interested in a  
16 long-term average total phosphorus loading, then the  
17 in-stream modeling becomes much less important. So,  
18 again, it depends on your objectives, what you need  
19 to look at.

20 Q Well, I assume it was important enough in  
21 your judgment for the purposes for which your report  
22 was done because you took the step to calibrate your  
23 model; correct?

24 A Oh, absolutely. And we were looking at  
25 the .037 -- at least the part of the report,